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Filed: September 29, 2003) Group Art Unit: 2632
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**Title: METHOD FOR POSTAGE EVIDENCING FOR THE PAYMENT OF
TERMINAL DUES USING RADIO IDENTIFICATION TAGS**

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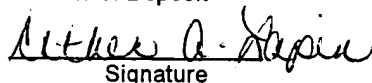
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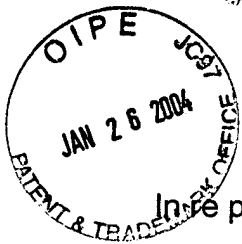
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This communication is submitted prior to the receipt of an Office Action. Entry of the following Preliminary Amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested:

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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